

North Smithfield Fire/Rescue Service, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2015

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call of Voting Members:

Chairman: Paul Lefebvre (absent)

Vice-Chair: vacant

Treasurer: Daniel O'Brien (Chairman Pro-Tem)

Secretary: Brian VanHouwe

**At-large: Pamela LaBarre, Kenneth Thompson, Kenneth Peloquin,
Linda Thibault**

Non-voting member: Chief Joel Jillson

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the November meeting, as emailed, accepted with a motion by Mrs. LaBarre, seconded by Mr. VanHouwe. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: (see packet) explained by Mr. O'Brien with mention of restricted accounts and bequest donations as part of cash position. Anticipates zero deficit by end of fiscal year. Motion to accept the Financial Report by Mr. Peloquin, seconded by Mrs. LaBarre. The motion passed unanimously.

Bills: (see attached) Chief Jillson explained bill payment process to Mrs. Thibault. Mr. Peloquin asked about heating which Chief Jillson explained was oil, gas and propane in old stations with poor insulation; as well as the cost saving measure of changing to a State Bid oil supplier for this fiscal year. Mr. VanHouwe motioned to approve the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

Thank you letter from the Museum of Work and Culture, letter of resignation from Dispatcher Mike Cosetta (Card signed by Directors to send to him.)

Fleet:

Chief Jillson: Nothing of note. Apparatus Committee still formulating specifications for new engine. New Rescue has a life expectancy of 7-8 years and is a smaller truck which gives a better ride for patient and crew.

Facilities:

Chief Jillson: Nothing of note.

Old Business:

1. VFIS policy renews in January for the calendar year. Premium has risen steadily for past 5-6 years. After meeting with VFIS, a savings of \$57,000 could be realized by self-insuring and fine-tuning

coverage. Mr. Brad Preston will submit written agreement and invoice.

2. Christmas Brunch December 13th, 10:00 a.m. at Uncle Ronnie's will honor Director Kathleen Shatraw and Dispatcher Michael Cosetta's service.

3. N.S. Public Works crew performed extensive excavation work behind Station #2 and Chief Jillson would like to thank them for the "gratis" work by sponsoring a Christmas Party for them at The Pines. After discussion, the Board of Directors gave him the go ahead.

4. Chief Jillson explained associated costs of hiring a new Fire/Medic in addition to the budgeted salary and health benefits (see packet).

New Business:

Chief Jillson:

1. The Vice-President position on the Board of Directors can wait until the January meeting and re-organization vote.

Personnel: Referred to Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. VanHouwe to move to Executive Session under RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. LaBarre. Voted/Passed unanimously.

The next meeting is the annual corporation meeting scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, January 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m. followed immediately by the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. by Mr. VanHouwe, 2nd by Mr. Peloquin.
All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Rose Zariczny

(Note: any "attachments" can be viewed by request during normal business hours in the Office of the Chief, 1470 Providence Pike, North Smithfield, RI)